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Benton County Emergency Declaration

Richland, Wash: Benton County has issued a Declaration of Fire Emergency. The Declaration comes as a result of the fire currently burning near Benton City. The Declaration is issued when emergency conditions exist in the county that could exhaust the county's response resources. The Declaration also allows the county to use emergency purchasing procedures without regard to formalities that are followed on non-emergency purchases.

As a result of the Declaration, the state of Washington has gone to state mobilization. The Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other logistical resources from around the state when a wildland fire or other emergency exceeds the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

In accordance with this plan, the Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau Office of the State Fire Marshal coordinates statewide fire service resources to support local firefighting efforts.

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